



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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Women building better communities



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Connections

The Junior League of Eau Claire (JLEC) is an organization of women committed to promoting **voluntarism**, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and **leadership** of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively **charitable** and educational.



Kids in the Kitchen a HUGE Success!

Our programs at the Boys and Girls Club the week of March 31st received rave reviews and ignited a demand for more more more. The kids lined up each day the following week and asked repeatedly when the next program is

scheduled. Our goal is now to provide ongoing programming at least monthly at the Club and expand into more areas of the community, so everyone interested is invited to sign up. We need you!

The mountain bike graciously donated by Scheels provided a great incentive for the kids to participate each day. The lucky winner was not present when her name was announced on Friday, so a surprise announcement was arranged for the following week at the club. The happy girl is about to be adopted into a new family and she said she was the only one in the family who didn't have a bike – until now.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to make it happen. We are grateful to our sponsors Luther Hospital, Rotary International, Festival Foods, Group Health, and Sam's Club. A big thanks to Marianne Klinkhammer for supplying the coolest chef's hats. And, a very special thanks to Sheri Baemmert – assistant chair, graphic artist, yoga goddess; Mike McHorney - Boys and Girls Club Program Director, Sara Antonson – Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, Mary Ann Dickoff – JLEC volunteer extraordinaire, and the entire committee who worked so diligently for so long to launch this important program.

Here's a recap of the inaugural Kids in the Kitchen week's schedule. Attendance was around 30 kids per day Monday – Thursday and 50 on Friday:

MONDAY, MARCH 31 – Kim Ayres of Mission Accomplished (www.missionaccomplished.com): nutrition, portion control, yoga class

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Committee Chair Robin Shih with two junior chefs.

Did you know?

The Association of Junior Leagues International is an organization of over 165,000 women in 293 Leagues in four countries.

A Message from Lindsay

2007 - 2008 theme -- Love In Motion



Dear Women of Junior League of Eau Claire,

I write to you with many feelings stirring inside. My goal as I write my final letter is to turn those feelings into words. Here I go:

Thank you for the opportunity to lead your organization. I am proud to have been your president, and I am pleased with all we accomplished during the year.

We are an awesome group of women. Our purpose is so much more than we can ever imagine.

I encourage everyone to get involved as a member of the board. Stepping out of your comfort zone is a perfect way to grow. I can confidently say that I have grown during my term as President and have learned so much.

The opportunities are endless within Junior League. There are numerous volunteer and leadership opportunities, all of which help you to develop your potential. And I have a feeling there is more to come in the future!

Take advantage of all that is available to us as members. AJLI is a great resource for materials and information.

Be proud of your organization, its past, present and future.

As I pass this awesome opportunity on to Jill, I wish her a presidency filled of laughter, friendship and life-changing experiences. Jill, I will be here for you each step of the way, but I know you have all the tools, within you, to do the job you were born to do!

Thank you for this incredible year,

Lindsay

2008 - 2009 Dues Information

After much discussion a vote has been cast and it was unanimous decision to raise the dues for the 2008-2009 year. Your membership category will be determined by your time commitment to League and not in the amount you pay.

The dues for the upcoming year are due to Susan Jewett by June 1st. Those more than 30 days past due will incur a \$10 late fee.

The dues structure is as follows:

Provisional	\$65	Active	\$85
Active Sustainer	\$85	Sustainer	\$85



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Kids in the Kitchen a HUGE Success! continued

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 – Laurel Robertson of Dinners-On (www.dinners-on.com): cooking class and Introduction to Go Slow Whoa foods during a surprise snow storm! (www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/wecan/downloads/gswtips.pdf).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 – Robin Shih, beekeeper: honeybees (power pollinators of fruits, vegetables, and nuts!) and varietal honey tasting

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 – Kristina Beuning of Sunbow Farm (www.sunbowfarm.com): container gardening and organic farming, natural sweeteners sampling through a blind banana bread tasting. The bread was made with the following sweeteners: Turbinado, Agave Nectar, refined white sugar, Stevia, and Honey. The kids voted Turbinado as the best tasting and believed the Stevia bread was the

best for you (it's actually honey that's the best for you – yeah for bees).

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 – Linda Bohacek, dental health; John Plewa M.D., Luther pediatrician; Tammy Amoth D.C., chiropractor – how to brush properly and care for your teeth, you are what you eat!, make-your-own pizza party with healthy topping options, fresh banana ice cream. Only one kid out of 50 asked 'where's the pepperoni?' Most surprising hit ingredient: jalapenos!

Best question of the week: How many pounds of sugar should you really have in a day? Like, really?

We welcome your questions, comments, and ideas! Contact Robin Shih at rshih@csstars.com and Sheri Baemmert at baemmert@charter.net. To learn more, please visit the website <http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/>.

Endowment Fund News

The Endowment Advisory Board meet on March 27th. An endowment gift in the amount of \$500 was received from Lorraine Willson. A huge THANK YOU Lorraine for her commitment to League and to the continued growth of our Endowment fund. Requests were submitted from the Dental Sealant Program for \$3000 and from the JLEC Executive Board for \$1600 to send two representatives to the Annual Meeting in San Diego the end of April 2008. The Endowment Advisory Board's recommendation to disburse \$2000 for the Dental Sealant Program and \$400 (in addition to JLEC budgeted funds) to send one representative to the 2008 Annual Meeting was passed by the membership at the April GMM. In the next newsletter, the exact dollar amounts in the Endowment Fund and in the Interest account will be available.

If you would like to donate to the Endowment Fund, please send your check to:
Junior League of Eau Claire
Attn: Endowment Fund Chair
316 Eau Claire Street Eau Claire, WI 54701.
"Leaving a legacy comes from the heart and makes a difference in our community."

Thank you,
Endowment Fund Chair - Marianne Klinkhammer



Special Notes...

- Thank you to Lindsay Jaeger for her leadership as President this year!
- Super kudos to Robin Shih, Sheri Baemmert and the rest of the Kids in the Kitchen Committee for putting together a very successful program in it's inaugural year!
- Congratulations to Sheri Baemmert on the birth of her first child, son Dylan Pierce (7 lbs. 20 oz.) on April 13th.
- Thank you to this year's Provisional Class for putting on a great Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling event!
- Special thank you to Liz Falkner for her dedication to League and serving on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years and being the Packer Party Queen!

Upcoming Events

Spring Banquet

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club

6:00 PM Cocktails

6:45 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Program

*If you are unable to join us
for the dinner, please consider joining
us for the program and socializing.*

Watch for an invitation in the mail soon!



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Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling 2008



Junior League members and their friends sparkled at Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling 2008! On Thursday, April 10, JLEC's Provisionals hosted about 40 guests who braved some nasty weather for their chance to roll the die at Stella Blues. Shimmering ladies dined on delectable appetizers, sipped on their favorite cocktails and compared bling in the bar upon arrival. The craziness continued and the die started rolling when Bunco began at 8:00. With both Bunco experts and newcomers playing, the competition was fierce! A few lucky players even got their chance to yell, "BUNCO!" Prizes were awarded for highest score and most Buncos.

The event was a success, a lot of fun was had by all, and everyone looked fabulous in their blue jeans and bling! Thank you to the Provisional members who planned and worked at the event, and thanks to the JLEC members who showed us all how it's done!

JLEC Family Picnic

Please join us for a JLEC all family picnic on Thursday June 12 at 5 PM or at your convenience, at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Park. Please bring a dish to pass. Plates, utensils, juice box's and water will be provided. The park is located on Parkridge Drive on the West side. Don't miss the fun!

